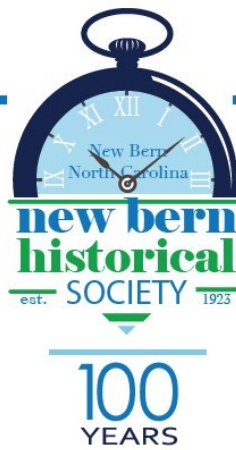


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Pumpkins, Turkeys & Jingle Bells...oh my!



Ghostwalk

NEW BERN, NC

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2024



Cindi Broome, Brian Flannigan, Shelia Kahrmanim



Nancy Hitchcock, Dick Peebles, Joan Leonard



Bill Hand, our Mortician

This Year's Highlights:

All new historical characters & scripts!

Tickets good for all three nights.

Same hours all three nights: 6:00 - 9:30 pm.

Several downtown churches serving yummy meals.

Sites include: Cedar Grove Cemetery and various front porches in downtown New Bern.

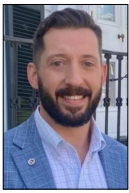
Special attractions: Veri-Good Bakery and a "thrilling" dance performance on the Academy green!

Thank you to our Title Co-Sponsors!



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Update from Anthony Giardino, Executive Director

34 Years of Ghostwalk - that's some impressive history!

It's remarkable when you think about it. The New Bern Historical Society's most successful storytelling fundraising event continues to grow in popularity and demand every year. We interact with people from all over Eastern North Carolina who not only have heard of this unique event, but eagerly contact us months in advance just to book their Ghostwalk weekends! Some families even make it an annual tradition! Last year we hosted over 2000 attendees. You might wonder, for a small nonprofit organization, how is that even possible?

The answer is simple. Ghostwalk thrives because of our talented and devoted *PEOPLE!* We are fortunate to attract the most loyal and enthusiastic volunteers committed to sharing New Bern's most exciting historical tales. From our committee members, to the scriptwriters, directors, enthralling performers, generous homeowners, and the hard-working logistics and operations support teams - it takes more than 200 *PEOPLE* to masterfully "bring history to life!" It turns out we're not such a small nonprofit organization after all!

What started as "New Bern at Night" back in 1986—a one night affair touring 5 historic locations—officially rebranded as "Ghost Walk" in 1991 with 6 historic stops on a November evening. Now, **Ghostwalk** delivers 3 nights of spirited storytelling from 14 locations as well as a dance performance, bakery offerings, and even tours and food offerings at 6 historic churches!

We are tremendously thankful for our *PEOPLE*—this New Bern Community! The excitement that surrounds this great event and the support from our sponsors and ticket holders ensures we will have Ghostwalk for years to come! We hope you'll get your tickets and look forward to seeing you out at the ghost sites!



Ghostwalk Tickets years 1986, 1991, & 2024!



Remember, Honor, Teach... by Claudia Houston, Historian

This year, the *Wreaths Across America* program will be sponsored at Cedar Grove Cemetery for the first time. The goal is to place wreaths on the graves of every veteran across America during the December holidays. This program is also sponsored at New Bern National and Greenwood Cemeteries. The New Bern Historical Society will assist with identifying all veterans buried at Cedar Grove and accurately chart the location for each of the 369 veterans there.

At Cedar Grove, I visited the vault of Elijah Ellis, a prominent New Bern merchant, and recalled the story of a Union soldier who was also buried at this spot. Unfortunately, most would not know it because there is no headstone indicating this. That soldier was William Ennever, born in England and moved with his family to Philadelphia then on to New York City, where he was a druggist. At age nineteen, he joined the 158th NY Regiment and was stationed with his unit at Bachelor's Creek. On May 26, 1864, when the daily train from New Bern arrived, William and many other soldiers were waiting near the railroad tracks for letters or packages. Also aboard were several barrels filled with torpedoes, each containing 250 lbs of gunpowder. No one had been informed of this, and the barrels were rolled off the train without caution. One barrel hit another, causing an explosion that instantly killed 35 men and injured countless others, including William. He was brought to Foster Hospital in New Bern and died two days later. With the permission of Elijah Ellis, William was interred in his vault. As of yet, no one knows why.

At one point, a GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) marker was placed by the vault, but it was stolen. Many years later, it was found at a flea market in South Carolina. The purchaser contacted an organization in New Bern, and it was returned and presented to William's relative jointly by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans during a ceremony conducted at Cedar Grove on June 18, 2016. After verifying his burial at Cedar Grove, obtaining the approval of his relative and approval from the owner of the burial plot, an application is in the works for a headstone for William Ennever. Hopefully, this request will be granted so that a wreath can be placed on his headstone among the other veterans this holiday season.



How can you help with this project? Do you know of a veteran buried at Cedar Grove? Would you like to assist in identifying gravesites and researching

personal history? The wreaths will be delivered and placed on December 14, so there is much to do before then. With your help, we will be ready! If you wish to volunteer, please call us at 252-638-8558 or email nbhshistorian@mail.com.

2024-25 Events Calendar

Watch our website (www.NewBernHistorical.org) for further details on upcoming programs!

Wednesday, October 16: Lunch & Learn / “The Forgotten Mutineers” by author Glen Swain / 11:30am / Carolina Colours

Thursday-Saturday, October 24-26: Ghostwalk! / 6-9:30pm / Cedar Grove Cemetery & various downtown locations

Thursday, October 31: Fall Volunteer & New Member Social / 4-6pm / Back lawn of the Attmore-Oliver House

Sunday, November 3: Presentation / “Stories of the United States Colored Troops” by Jerilyn Lee / 2pm / Orringer Auditorium / **Reservations Open Now!**

Sunday, January 26: Tuscarora Education & Pow Wow Event / 2pm / Orringer Auditorium / **Details forthcoming**

Sunday, February 23: Presentation / “War Zone: WWII Off the NC Coast” by Kevin Duffus / 2pm / Orringer Auditorium / **Reservations open Jan 13**

Thursday-Saturday, March 20-22: Lantern Tour 2025 / New Bern Battlefield Park

Saturday, March 22: Battlefield Adventure Day / New Bern Battlefield Park



Another History Quest Success!

Between the perfect fall weather, enthusiastic Questers, and a well-prepared crew, we could not have had a better day for our 4th Annual History Quest!



Our kudos to the hardworking committee, many of whom have been working on this event since the beginning of the year. Thank you to the volunteers, committee members, and sponsors who made this event another great success!

Committee Chairs: Claudia Houston & Kathy Morrison

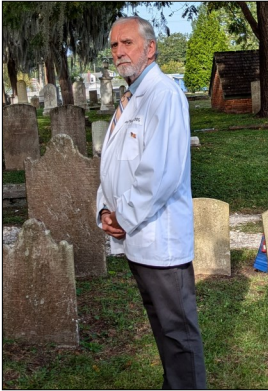
Clues Committee: Mark Sandvigen, Claudia Houston, Dana Hall, Terri Hickman, John Klecker, Gary Gillette, Susan Cook

Steering Committee: Claudia Houston, Kathy Morrison, Terri Hickman, John Klecker, Mark Sandvigen, Lisa Setliff



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Jerry Trenholm

OCTOBER 24-26
6:00 - 9:30

2024
New Bern's
Time Travelers



Zev Martin & Tommy Grzeika



Be sure to eat lunch or dinner at **MORGAN'S TAVERN & GRILL** during Ghostwalk, Thursday, October 24. Our good friends at **Morgan's** will donate a portion of that day's proceeds to the New Bern Historical Society!



Ghostwalk 2024 - Hats off to the Team!

Ghostwalk is a huge team effort which only happens with the support of hundreds of volunteers, from actors to greeters to cemetery creepers. Please join us in thanking the talented people who make this great event possible.

Ghostwalk Steering Committee

Directors: Bill Hand, Nancy Hitchcock, Heide Lock, Kathy Morrison, Lynda Rock, Holly Prafke **Script Writers:** Lori Neill, Bill Hand, John Leys, Gayle Albertini **Publicity:** Kathy Morrison **Graphic Artist:** Cheryl Jukich
Ghostly Greeters/Volunteers: MJ Woika & Tracey Krumel **Logistics:** Mike Williams **Church Liaison:** Sue Wyatt **Veri-Good Bakery:** Terri Hickman **Law Enforcement:** Sergeant Monico Hargett **Thriller Flash Mob Director:** Roxann Wheeler **Ghostwalk Chair:** Marissa Moore

Ghostwalk 2024 Talent

Actors: Tommy Grzeika ♦ John Rock ♦ Jerry Trenholm ♦ Stephen Schmidt ♦ Dick Peebles ♦ Cindi Broome ♦ Heide Lock ♦ Stephanie Carpenter ♦ Zev Martin ♦ Karen Mason ♦ Lee Purcell ♦ Sara Sirmons ♦ Kathy Martin ♦ Bill Hand ♦ Marilyn Marr ♦ Sophia Giroir ♦ Kim Burdine ♦ Rachel McGuire ♦ Heron Beatty ♦ Matthew Schauer ♦ Laura Miller-McLemore ♦ Melanie Corbett ♦ Cruz ♦ Jim Atchinson ♦ Karen Parrish ♦ Ginny Dorrington ♦ Sheila Kahrmanim ♦ David Henry ♦ Joan Leonard ♦ Keith Parrish ♦ Steve Robb ♦ Brian Flannigan ♦ John Stille ♦ John Baldwin ♦ Kimberly Ladenthan ♦ Allen Mosely ♦ Norbert Rieke ♦ Gabrielle Johnson
Creepers: Lynda Rock ♦ Linda Brown ♦ Kenzie Giroir ♦ Monica Amende ♦ Terry Phillips ♦ Cathy Lane ♦ Charlie Schmidt ♦ Katie Brown ♦ Phil Edmunds ♦ Michael McCullough ♦ Addy Jackson ♦ Kelsie Giroir ♦ Cassidy Giroir
Guides: Holly Prafke ♦ Notra Lail ♦ Mark Eckert ♦ Charles Davis ♦ Megan & Ainsley Griffin ♦ Aria Porter ♦ Tamara Paquee ♦ Nadine Hobb ♦ Dave & Ann Super ♦ Kimberly Koonce ♦ Kimberly Branham-Blowe ♦ Leigh Ann & Rebecca Friesen ♦ Wayne Hauck ♦ Gale Lee ♦ Gina Laubach ♦ Raven & Riley Simpson

Special thanks to our generous Ghostwalk **Property Owners:** Sadaf & Rafay Hassan, Dan & Laurie Eudy, Barry & Sue Cummins, Patricia Malarkey & Michael Humphreys, Dave & Karen O'Connell, Dave & Krista Callender, Christie West, and the Tryon Palace Foundation.

We appreciate the support over the past 32 years of community partners: City Manager Foster Hughes, the staff of New Bern Parks & Recreation, and the New Bern Police Department.

Free Cemetery Tours

The nonprofit Earl of Craven Questers will be giving free guided tours of Cedar Grove Cemetery on Ghostwalk Saturday, October 26, at 2pm! Check the Questers' Facebook page for more information.





Historical Society President's Message...by Joe Hunt

The New Bern Historical Society is in our **101st year of operation**, we have completed a 100-year anniversary celebration, and we continue with an exciting and busy fall/winter program lined up! Here are some highlights:

- ◇ Lunch & Learn sessions
- ◇ Annual History Quest
- ◇ Living History Day at the New Bern Battlefield Park
- ◇ Our signature event, **Ghostwalk**, which takes place in Cedar Grove Cemetery and various downtown locations
- ◇ Presentations at Orringer Auditorium (Craven Community College)



Student volunteers working at the AO Campus

Both the Battlefield Park and the Attmore-Oliver House campus are in great shape after summer maintenance. Volunteering with the Historical Society not only helps us put on these events, but also offers a chance to learn about history and meet new people. If events are not your motivation, we also need help in the office, maintaining the Campus, and maintaining the Battlefield Park. We really appreciated volunteer students from The Epiphany School who spent a day working at the Attmore-Oliver house. In addition, you will be working with our exceptional staff: Anthony Giardino (Executive Director), Marissa Moore (Program Director), Dwight Carlblom (Operations Manager), and Michel Epps (Operations Assistant). Being a member can indeed open new doors and expand your horizons.

New Bern Historical Society Board of Directors

2024-25 Officers & Appointed Positions

- Joe Hunt, President
- Kathy Morrison, First Vice President
- Egon Lippert, Second Vice President
- Chris Kelso, Secretary
- Bob Penvose, Treasurer
- Eugene Lock, Battlefield Adjutant
- Claudia Houston, Historian
- Jim Hodges, Curator

2024-25 Directors

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| Graham Barden | Cathy O'Brien |
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| Terri Hickman | Walt Teasdale |
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Staff

- Anthony Giardino—Executive Director
- Marissa Moore—Programs Director
- Dwight Carlblom—Operations Manager
- Michel Epps—Operations Assistant

Extraordinary Women, Exceptional Memories

The New Bern Historical Society Family and the larger New Bern Community lost two incredible impact-makers this year. **Sue Baldwin** and **Jane Maulucci** have passed away; however, they leave behind an indelible mark in our hearts and with our Historical Society programs forever. We want to take this opportunity to proudly celebrate their lives and share the impact of these extraordinary women.

Our Ghostwalk Director, Bill Hand, remembers Sue as “a little, unassuming lady with an incurable smile - but watching her work the actors, she was a marvel! She was a driver, but instead of a whip, she had determination, spunk and charm. She believed so much in her cast that even the most ‘untalented’ of them soon believed in themselves, and in development of a character, that can be all the difference.”



Sue Baldwin, 1946-2024

Our Historian, Claudia Houston, fondly recalls that Jane “was very active in the Historical Society, particularly with Ghostwalk. For many years, she both wrote and directed the popular skit at the Attmore-Oliver House. She also directed our most beloved Lunch and Learn, *Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Deeds*.” Jane was the 2019 recipient of the Historical Society Executive Director’s Award.



Jane Maulucci, 1956-2024

We know these devoted and talented women proudly look down on us, especially at this time of year. Sue and Jane, you’ll forever remain a huge part of our traditions and continuing success!

Fall Volunteer & New Member Social

Thursday, October 31
4 - 6 pm
Attmore-Oliver House
~ **Free Event** ~

What better way to say *Thank You* and *Welcome* than gathering with our volunteers and new members at the Attmore-Oliver Campus and Gardens! If you've joined and/or volunteered with the Society in the last 6 months, this event is to recognize YOU! Light refreshments, music, and a prize giveaway!



“Stories of the United States Colored Troops”

By Jerilyn Lee

Sunday, November 3rd
2 pm
Orringer Auditorium

Reservations open now!



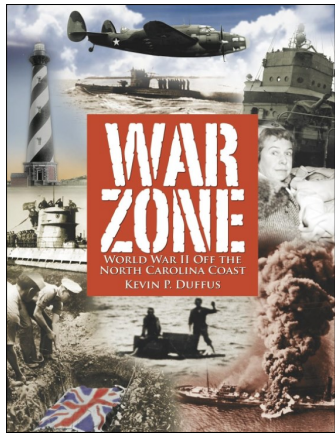
Did you know that approximately 198,000 men served in the United States Colored Troops (USCT) during the Civil War? And another 20,000 served in the U.S. Navy? Did you know that six of those regiments came from North Carolina? Hear their stories from USCT historian, Jerilyn Lee, as she shares over 100 photographs of USCT soldiers, NCO's, officers, cavalymen and U.S. sailors who served during the Civil War.

“World War II Off the North Carolina Coast”

By Kevin Duffus

Sunday, February 23rd
2 pm
Orringer Auditorium

Reservations open January 13!



Kevin Duffus recounts the time the enemy entered America's front door unhindered, when the United States suffered yet overcame the German U-boat menace. Black smoke and orange flames from torpedoed vessels filled the ocean skies. Explosions rattled window panes and the nerves of NC coastal residents. Hear the emotional stories of this time, including when German POWs were held here in New Bern.



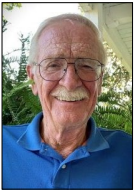
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Behind the scenes footage of our volunteers and staff supporting your favorite events.

“What’s in the Attic with Jim” - a weekly Wednesday feature from our Curator!



Battlefield Park News...by Gene Lock, Battlefield Adjutant

New Bern Battlefield Park encompasses the point where the Union forces breakthrough of the Confederate defensive line took place.

It is located the furthest distance in the park from the Visitors Center. A few years ago, we opened our Loop Trail that runs through Redan One, then along the railroad out to the break-through point, and then continues along the Bullen Branch swamp back to the Trader Bridge. It is a beautiful trail that features various birds, beavers and a beaver hut. It is a long walk that includes several hills which can be tiring. Thanks to a generous donation from the **New Bern Civil War Roundtable**, we initiated the plan to place seven park benches along the Loop Trail for resting or just enjoying nature.

As fate would have it, we were contacted by The **Epiphany School** offering a group of students to do a community-oriented project. Our Battlefield Guides pre-cut the wood components for the benches and then 13 students assembled them and assisted in placing them out on the trail. They did a beautiful job and each student signed the benches they worked on. We would like to thank **The Epiphany School** for their help with this project! The boys and girls competed to see who would finish the first bench; however, the results of this friendly competition will remain a secret with us! Our volunteers truly enjoyed working with these great young people.



On October 5th, we hosted the **Living History Day** event at the Battlefield. We want to thank the dedicated Civil War reenactors who taught us about life at the time of the Civil War and related it to conditions experienced right here at the Battle of New Bern.



During recent storms, a large tree fell and got hung up in other trees overhanging a major trail. Our volunteers are always willing to take on some forest work, but occasionally we encounter a situation beyond our talents to handle safely. When this takes place and we need expert help, we call on **Pamlico Tree Care**. For many years they have been quick to assist with the big jobs and even donate wood chips to lay on our trails. Once again, they came to the rescue and had this hazardous tree down safely—all free of charge as a service to our park preservation efforts! The Battlefield volunteers and the Historical Society would like to recognize and thank Pamlico Tree Care for their continued support of the Battlefield - we greatly appreciate you!



Battlefield Guides and the hardest-working hound, Mac!

Our Battlefield Park continues to see an increase in visitors year after year, and we're thrilled! We remain committed to our mission. Preserving this important place in New Bern's history is essential. Working with New Bern's Tourism Development Authority, we learned that our battlefield has **hosted over 14,000 visitors since January!** This is a steady increase from the previous two years, and we expect even more growth as we add an annual educational program with the regional Cub Scouts of America! Anyone who would like to volunteer at the Battlefield, please feel free to stop by any Tuesday or Thursday around 7am to see what we do and meet our volunteers.



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The Historical Society is proud of the relationships we have developed over the years with the local business community and thank them for their continued sponsorship of our events. Please recognize and support our business partners who generously contribute to the New Bern

